

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 16, 1900,

IT NOW looks as if the President's original policy of free trade with Porto Rico will be adopted, against his more recent predilection for a fifteen per cent, tariff. Bu, according to republican ideas, the Constitution is a play thing for Congress, and can be twisted any way that body may think fit. The worst of all this is that in a country of unrestricted suffrage and where the will of the majority is supreme, that majority, as represented in Congress, can do anything that may be dictated by its own temporary whim. But the legitimate effect of all this will be fire

To show how the money of the plutocrats of this country is congested in Wall street, it is only necessary to say that the new two per cent, government bonds are sold there at 107, and that fif y million of the new bonds of Great Britain have just been subscribed for there, though they, too, bring a very low rate of interest. Yes, money is very plentiful in Wall street, but it is very scarce among the people of all the other parts of the country, and will probably be scarcer now, since the value of gold has been enhanced by Mr. Hanna.

THE death rate in Washington last year was 16.25 for the white, and 26.75 for the negro population. Before the negroes were set free they were the most healthy people in the South, had numerous children and lived long lives. It is different with them now, and many of them have become afflicted with constitutional disease since their freedom, so that their children are and will be unhealthy. There is retribution for all crimes, and that of the abclitionists will doubtless be as severe as it is well merited.

MESSES. MCMILLAN AND PENROSI introduced bills in the U. S. Senate yesterday, providing for libraries for the people of Manils, but those same Ser. ators have voted against the proposition to remove the tariff on the products of Porto Rico, so that the poor. starving people of that island may be enabled to sell or trade what they raise for food and clothing. The humanita rianism of the republicans is what oth er people cannot understand.

AND NOW the democrats of Connecticut have declared for Bryan and the sion, the trusts and the Porto Rice tariff, as nin y-nine hundredeths o those of all the other States already have done, or will do. The few who refuse to do so have made up their minds to join the republicans, and, for their own reputation, had better do so openly, and abandon the pretense of being democrats any longer.

THE EXPENSE of saving the Porte Ricans from s'arvation and the He waiians from the plague, to say noth ing about the cost of the military and naval operations in, and of the government of those islands, affords patent proof of the fact that General Washington was wise when he advised the people of his country to attend to their own affairs, and let those of other countries alone.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, March 16

Congressman Hay, of Virginia, has received a letter from Mr. Crismone, of the Fredericksburg Park Association. thanking him for his success in getting a favorable report upon the bill for that park from the House military commit-

Congressman Otey, of Virginia, call ed at the War Department recently to see if New River, in his State, is classed there among the navigable streams, but couldn't find whether it is or not. Some years ago it was thought to be such, and an attempt was made in Congress to prevent the miners and manu facturers on it from pouring their refuse waters into it, but it failed, though such waters have killed all the valuable food fishies that formerlly swarmed in that river, some of them catfish as big

Representative Lentz introduced a bill today providing a safer and easier method of sending money by mail. It provides for the issue of United States post check notes, to the amount of fifty million dollars, which may be made payable to payee named thereou, the name to be written on a blank space left, which may be mailed by attaching stamp. These checks are then to be redeemed at a United States sub-treas-

T. H. Cross was appointed postmas ter at Hampden Sidney, Prince E ward county, Va., today, vice A. J.

Price, removed.

John W. Ely, representing the National Business League, whose head-quarters are at Chicago, argued before the House committee on commerce this morning in behalf of the bill creating a new department of commerce

and industry.

The sub-committee of the House ju-Winconsin; Jesse Overstreet, Indians; Chas. E. Littlefi ld, Maine; William L. Terry, Arkansas; Samuel W. T. Lan-ham, Texas; Wm. Elliott, South Caro ham, Texas; Wm. Elliott, South Caro ers. Such powers may be exercised by Balfour said the responsibility rested work, to which Heffling replied that he lina. This committee will first take the several States in any manner not in with those who called the meetings. wes. Heffling loaned his newly

trusts. If an agreement on this proposition should be reached, the trust question will be held in abeyance until after the presidential campaign, as State legislatures would have to ratify

the proposition.

The Quay case, it was determined today, shall be taken up in the Senate two weeks from next Tuesday, but when it will be voted on, nobody can ell, as many Senators have announced their intention of speaking, both for and against the claimant. The case has already produced no little friction in the Senatorial ranks and is likely to cause more. Yesterday on the floor of the Senate Messes, Penrose and Gallinger had a quarrel about it, and in the cloak room two more applied epi-thets to each other that in former times would bave led to serious trouble.

The House naval committee has agreed to report in favor of the construction of two new battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cru sers; also for paying the manufac-turers of armor plate \$545 a ton for all the plate that is now or that may sub-acquently be required by the Navy Department. A proposition to all we ch of the navy yards at Brooklyn, Phila-delphia and Norfolk to build one of the new ships, was defeated, but the vote

on it was reconsidered.

The proposed visit of the House naval committee to the Richmond shipyard

has been postponed until May.

People from the 9th Virginia district here today, say that while Colonel Browning, the well known and popular coal operator, will be a formidable oppublican nomination in that district, Mr. Rhes, the incumbent democrati representative, will have no opposition for renomination. They say that Mr. Rhea has been so handicapped by the unnecessary contest for his seat, that he laso't had a chance to show the House what he can do, and that the people of his district are going to give him such a chance,

Among the nominations sent to the senate today by the President were the following: John O. Stiger and W. W. Ballard, of Virginia, to be first lieutenants in the Porto Rican Infantry.

Gen. Joe Wheeler arrived in this city

this morning from Atlanta, Ga.

The House insular committee say they will soon report their bill for the government of Porto Rico. It will recommend that the Porto Rico. It will recommend that the trict and the U.S. District Court is given the additional jurisdiction which was confarred on the provisional court created by General Davis's order. As previously stated in the Davis's order. As previously stated in the Gazette, half of the upper branch of the legis sture of the island will be appointed by the President and need not be natives of the country.

The general im ression at the Capitol on the subject today is that the Porto Bioo tariff bill is as good as dead, not only on constitutional grounds but because the duty on the imports into Porto Bio from other than American ports renders the duty to be collected by that bill utterly unnecessary, as attested by the customs officers there.

A. C. Morrison, secretary of the American Baking Powder Association, which is composed of makers of alum baking powders, and Prof. Ostend, a chemist of New York, addressed the House committee on commerce the smorning. They said that a rival association had attempted to make it appear that

t on had attempted to make it appear that they were selling an impure product.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

James Atkinson, aged 86, died at Galion, O, yesterday morning. He was a brother of Governor Atkinson of West Virginia.

In New York today Judge Lacombe appointed Hugh J. Grant permanent receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad Company. His bond was fixed at \$250,-

Lewis Beitler, while trimming the carbon of an electric light in Philadelphia this morning, was instantly killed by his hand coming in contact with a

Mr. Bryan has left Austin, Texas, for Nebraska, where he will attend the State convention, after which he will spend a month in South Dakota, Utab Washington, Oregon, California, Ari-

zona and New Mexico. President McKinley's name was booted at a meeting of Boer sympa-hizers held in Cooper Union Institute, Naw York, last night. Montage White, the Boer representative in this country, made a speech in which he re-ferred to Bryan and was loudly cheered.

A barn near Metuchen, N. J., was ourned last night. Today the body of Martin William, a railroad employe, was found in the ruine. It is believed Williams sought shelter in the barn, that he fell asleep with a lighted pipe in his mouth and thus started the blaze which caused his death.

Auother great snow storm has set in over the Adirondacks. About ten uches has fal en, making a total depth of snow in the open country of nearly four feet, while in the woods there is between five and six feet. Lumbering s at a standstill on account of the great depth of snow and should the snow go off quickly disastrous floods will result.

Secretary of State Pewers, of Kentucky, and three other prisoners held as accessories to the murder of Gov Goebel, were taken to Frankfort from Louisville today for a prelim-

Utics, N. Y., March 16.—The Mohawk Valley Httel block at Mohawk, containg the hotel, five stores, postoffice, Masonic Hall and opera house was burned this morning. Loss \$100,000.

A snow storm is raging at Ansted, W. Va., wenty inches having already fallen

THE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY .- As stated in the Gazette of that date Olof Pallesen, the slayer of his wife, Josephice, and little Julia Hengesbach, was yesterday in Washington held by a ch, was coroner's jury to await the action of the g and jury. Mrs. C. F. Henges-bach, Pallesen's third victim, though norribly wounded and disfigured, will probably recover, unless unforeseen complications arise. Neither at the itquest nor at the hospital, where Mrs, Hengesbach lies, were there any developments tending to show the causes which led to the awful tragedy. Pallesen still maintains his self satisfied demeanor. His testimony before the coroner's jury was rambling and con-tradictory. He reiterated that the murders had been committed by command of his "Father in heaven." bach sympathizes with 'is child's mur-derer and decisces his friend was crazed by failure to find employment.

AIMED AT THE TRUSTS .- A joint res; olution was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Ray, of New York, proposing an amendment dictary committee which is to consider to the constitution as follows: "The all proposed legislation on the subject of trusts is composed as follows: Geo.
W. Ray, New York: John J. Jenkins, tions, to create and dissolve corporations and dispose of their property, to make all laws, necessary and proper for the execution of the foregoing powNEWS OF THE DAY.

The Standard Oil Company yesterday disbursed \$20,000,000 in dividends. The House yesterday pessed the District of Columbia appropriation bill

carrying \$6,608,378. It is said in Washington that ex-President Cleveland is expected to is

sue a formal indorsement of William J. Bryan's candidacy for the presidency. At Hartford, Conn., last night, Tom Sharkey knocked out Texas Jim Mc Cormick after 38 seconds of fighting in the Coliseum before the Nutmeg Athletic Club.

Ex-Judge Wm. Fullerton, who we one of Rev. Mr. Beecher's lawyers in the great scandal case, died at his home in Newburgh, N. Y., yesterday. He was 83 years old.

Flores, Aguinaldo's Secretary of War, has surrendered to Gen. McAr-thur. Aguinaldo's infant son, who was captured in November, and who had een suffering from smallpox, is dead. James Hall, a married man, and Edith West, a married woman, who eloped from London, were arrested on the arr val of the steamer Oceanic at New York yesterday and their deportation was ordered.

Secretary of War Root, interviewed in Havana yesterday as to his opinions of the conditions existing in Cuba, said that he thought the Cubans had done wonders, and he was satisfied they were capable of self-government.

E. H. R. Green, chairman of the Texas republican committee and son of Mrs. Hetty Green, of New York, is the choice of the republican leaders of Texes for vice president on the national republican ticket.

The House naval committee yester day agreed to report favorably on the proposition to pay \$545 per ton for 7,400 tons of armor. The building of two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers will also be ad-

M. Delcasse, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated in the Senate at Paris yesterday: "The union between France and Russia draws closer every day." Russia, according to a Constar tinople dispatch, is using great pressure on Turkey for railroad concessions in Asia Minor and "the Turkish government advises against submission.

The Rhode Island democratic State convention yesterday nomicated State trate who shot and killed Clarence I officers and selected delegates to the Snyder, of Norfolk, last November democratic national convention. Ne- | was convicted of murder in the second than W. Littlefield was nominated for Governor. The platform quotes the Declaration of Independence and scores taxation without representation, oplism. The Bryan forces, represented y Mayor Greene, of Woonsocket, carried the convention.

A large crowd saw Terry McGovern champion featherweight of the world defeat Eddie Lenny, of Poiladelphia, a the Industrial Athletic Cub, in Phila delphis, last night, in the second round of what was to have been a six round contest. Lenny was completely outknocked down three times in the one minute and forty five seconds consumed. Lenny's finish, in the opinion of the fighting men present, had the appearacce of his having quit.

The Postoffice Department has been called upon to rule whether or not newspapers printing indecent medical dvertisements are mailable. A crusa te has been started against papers printing "ads" of this character in Cleveland, O., by Miss Louise Grahem, backed up by the city Health Protection Association. Miss Graham has occupied the second story, narrowly ter General and in her letter encloses numerous advertisements which she considers to be indecent.

The American Association at Shan ghai telegraphed to the United States government yesterday that the attitude of the Empress Dowager toward the reformers will upset the "open door policy. They also say that rebellion and anarchy are expected to the detri ment of foreign interests, and advocate prompt concerted action on the part of he powers. The China Association will appeal to the British Minister, Sir Claud M. McDonald, on the same subect. The cablegram from the Ameri Association has been received a the State Department in Washington. and is under serious consideration.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Lord Roberts, having occupied Bloemfontein, the Orange Free State capital, is turning his attention to uniting his armies north and south of the Orange river and opening railway con nection to Capetown, This will give him a direct route for the enormous quantities of supplies needed by his roops. General Pole-Carew and several thousand men started south on three trains yesterday morning, and at last accounts had gotten as far as Bethany, 40 miles from Bloemfontein, having met no opposition. The Bours who have been guarding the north bank of the Orange river are supposed to have disappeared in order to avoid being caught between two B.i.ish forces General Gatacre has crossed the Orange river and occupied Bethulie. It is reported that the Boers will make

a stand at Brandfort, 35 miles north of Bloemfontein. The Free Staters are said to be massing at Warrenton, 60

the relief of Maseking.

State Secretary Reitz, of the Trans-yaal, has issued a reply to Lord Salisbury, which, however, will not be sent to the British premier, but will be published throughout the Boer republics. It says that England has now unmasked her real object in the war-to crush the republics; that the burghers will fight to the end.

President McKinley sent to the Senate the correspondence exchanged by Secretary Hay with London and Pretoria, which resulted in the United States offering its good offices for bringing about peace and Great Britain de-clining them. Lord Sal'sbury's reply, as thus officially stated, was that "the British government cannot accept the intervention of any power." House of Commons, as stated yester day, Arthur J. Balfour, government leader, also announced that Great Britain would refuse to accept the inter-

vention of any power.

There is a reaction in England against the declaration of Lord Salisoury that Boer independence will not the solidifying of the entire opposition in the House of Commons yesterday against Mr. Balfour's position in regard to interruptions of pe ce meetings. Mr. up the constitutional amendment giv-ing Congress the right to regulate States."

Conflict with the laws of the United The test vote resulted in 229 for the found friend the money for a few min-government to 120 against it.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The question of calling a constitution-

al convention in Virginia may be sidetracked by the demogratic leaders.

Ex-Congressman A. Fulkerson, of the Ninth Virginia district, has suffer-ed a slight attack of paralysis, and is now unable to leave his room at Bristol. Capt. Reeves, an aged citizen residing with his son, Will Reeves, near White-

stone, Lancaster county, accidentally fell into a well on Tuesday and was drowned. Mr. George W. Strother died at his ome near Markham on Saturday,

March 10, in his sixty-third year. was buried on Monday in the family burying ground near Paris. It is pretty well settled that the in dictment in the United States District

Court of Richmond against Moritz Becker who is charged with securing naturalization papers by fraud, will be quashed. Mr. Robert Stribling, of Fauquier

county, has arrived in Newport News and will locate there in the practice of law. He makes the sixteenth attorney n Newport News-one to about every four hundred people. Superintendent E. C. Glass, of the

public schools at Lynchburg, and Mr. Jenkirs, the principal of the high school at Portsmouth, have been designated to conduct the summer school of methods. This school will probably be held at Roanoke. On application of Leslie H. Drew,

stockholder,a receiver was yesterday in Richmond appointed for the Commercial Building and Loan Association. He charges that the liabilities of the asso ciation are \$132,920 10, and assets to the amount of \$118,000. Charles Lawis Marshall, aged thirty

eight years, formerly of Fauquier county, but for two years an insurance agent in Newport News, died yester day from the effects af two headache powders, prepared from a prescription written for a much stronger man.

Every house in Warrenton that could be obtained has been rented for the summer and many more could have found tenants. The outlook for a large num er of city people there dur ing the coming summer is fully as good if not better than it has ever been.

In the Princess Anne county cour yesterday Oscar I. Fleming, the magis-trate who shot and killed Clarence I degree, the jury fixing the penalty at fourteen years in the penitentiary.

The special grand jury investigation the case of W. J. Garland, of Philadel phia, who was suspected of having knowledge of the case of his wife' death, yesterday, at Newport News and he was not rearrested. The matter will be dropped.

The special grand jury, in session a Hampton, yesterday, decided to re-open the case of William J. Garland, the Phoebus man who was charged a few weeks ago with having killed hi seventy-year-old wife by thrusting a the woman slept.

The Mormon Elders serving in Virgidia will hold a conference in Peters burg on Saturday next. It is expected that about twenty elders will be present. Two elders have been at work in Petersburg for some months past, and they hold regular services in Red

Men's Hall every week,
Heary Betger's dwelling and contents at Sharp's wharf, was destroyed by fire last night. E. R. Thrieft and wife, who to their brother's home in their night clothes, not even having a blanket to

throw around them. The claims office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, moved from Rich-mond to Cincinnati in 1898 is to be moved back to Richmoud at once. There are forty clerks in the office, many of them Richmond men, who forced to change their homes when the office was moved.

The latest telegrams from Brunswick county say that Dr. W. H. Temple, who was shot by Rev. J. E. R. Ritdick, is resting easily, though death may be expected at any time, as peri-tonitis hes set in. Mrs. Riddick gave birth to a son Sunday night and is

n a state of prest nervousness The March term of the Loudoup County Court, Judge Tebbs on the bench, began in Leesburg on Monday last. The day was very cold and the ground was covered with snow. I onsequence the crowd was much smaller than usual. The horse show which used to be a feature of the day, was practically omitted altogether, eing only one or two animals on

the streets.
The First National Bank of Columbus, Onio, was the highest bidder for the \$100,000 Newport News city emer gency bonds yesterday and the finance committee will recommend to the council Tuesday night that the bid of that institution be accepted. There were 10 bids submitted, but only three of them were regular, the others being either on wrong forms or unaccompanied by checks. The successful bidder offered

\$1,125 premium on the \$100,000 issue. The case of the United States gov eroment against S. V. Southall, jr., J. H. Manning, W. N. Ruffin, jr., and Dr. M. H. McGanghri, charged with as-saulting Revenue Collector Charles Gee, at Emporia, on March 7, and inmiles north of Kimberley, to prevent terfering with him in the discharge of his official duty, was heard before Commissioner McLean Pleasants, in Petersburg, yesterday, and the accused discharged. The evidence showed that the affair was the result of a drunken

> Mesers. Groner and Marbury, counsel for Thomas F. Byan, appeared be-fore Judge Waddill in Norfolk yesterday and asked for the appointment of a special master in the Ryan-Williams Seaboard Air Line Railroad case to take testimony in support of the plai: tiff's allegations in his bill asking for an injunction restraining the consolidation of the Seaboard system. Judge Waddill said that he would in a day or two enter an order appointing the

special master.
Charles Heffling, of Powhatan post office, King and Queen county, was the victim of a slick bunco game to Baltimore yesterday morning, whereby he lost \$15-all the money he had-and was unable to proceed to his destina-Baltimore from his home in Virginia yesterday morning, on a steamer of the York River Line, and was standing on Light street, near the York River Line wharf, when he was approached by a ter asked him if he was looking for work, to which Heffling replied that he

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Death of Rev. A. G. Brown. [Special dispatch to Alexandria Gazette ] Richmond, Va. March 16.-Rev. Dr. A. ... Brown, Methodist presiding eld-er, died this morning at Ashland. He began life as a cabinet maker in Alex-

Foreign News. London March 16.-Thirteen special rains carrying 3,300 troops left London oday for Southampton where the sold-

ers will embark for South Africe. Paris, March 16 .- Agoncillo today ssued a statment to the effect that the Americans lost heavily and had many captured in recent engagements in the Philippines. A great battle has been fought at Batangas and another one at Cafise. In the Viscayan provinces the insurgents burned San Juan de Betskok and other villages rather than permit the Americans to occupy them.
Belfast, March 16.—The corporation

oday voted unanimously to extend an invitation to the Queen to visit Belfast on the occasion of her Majesty's scjourn in Ireland. Rome, March 16 .- It is stated that

the German emperor has abandoned his projected visit to King Humter be cause of an unwillingness to offend the Italian Catholics.

Perlin, March 16 -The s cislists in the

Beichstag have begun filibustering tactics to delay the passage of the meat inspection bill

London, March 16 -It is now gen rally believed that the Transvaal will continue the fight until the last, irrespective of the action of the Free State burghers. Apparently there is little resistance left in the Free Staters Those of them who intend to fight i out are withdrawing north to join the commandos under the direction of the Fransvaal generals and ultimately they will probably cross the Vaal river and assist in the defense of the Transvan! Meanwhile, Buller with 40,000 men should soon be hammering at the Drakenbergs, and Joubert will confront the necessity of splitting his forces in order to oppose Roberts and hold Buler. His alternative will be to retres north of the Vaal river, where the Boers can enjoy immense natural advantages in repelling a tacks.

Capetown, March 15—General Rob-

erts has issued an official order congratulating the Guards brigade on their olendid march of 38 miles in 28 hours He expresses regret that a small mistake prevented him from leading the brigade into Bloemfontein, but he romises that he will lead them into Pretoria.

Jamestown, Cape Colony, March 15. renched on the north lank of the Orange river, near Aliwa! north, it ront of a strong hill which is held by ne Boers. The enemy has several Krupp guns. Brabant's says he is ham

pered by the want of artillery.

Kimberley, March 15.—The Mayor in a speech today called for volunteers to relieve Mafeking. He said that Kimberley had been given this honor.

Disastrous Fires.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 16,-The village of Mobawk, this county, was visited by a disastrons fire early this morning. The fixmes originated in a tailor shop and spread to adjoining buildings which burned like tinder, The buildings destroyed are the Mobawk Valley Hotel, Riddell's clothing store; Fitch's drug store; Steiner's ba zaar; the post office, Coe's insurance office; the Masonic Lodge building, and the Western Union telegraph office. All the hotel guests escaped in safety stood for some time in the street with only their night clothes on. The total

loss is \$100,000. Winsted, Conn., March 16.—The business portion of Falls Village was burned this morning. The fire department of the place had to call on other towns for assis ance to cope with the

flames. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 16 .-The Pentwater bedstead factory at Pentwater, burned last night. It was the largest bedstead factory in the country. The loss is estimated at \$200.

a lodging on Tremont street early this morning caused a panic among the dwellers of the place. Mrs. Anna Phelan and John Lee imped from third story windows and were badly injured. The former may die.

New York, March 16 - The magnificent

residence of Walter L. Johnson, a millionaire Eighty-second street, Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire this morning and Johnson and bis family narrowly escaped with their lives. Johnson rescaed his wife and two children in a daring fashion, carrying them from the burning building in their night clothes. The three servants in the house had hair-breadth escapes. The damage is estimated at \$35,-

Philadelphia, Pa., March 16 .- The Bellerue Hotel at Wayne on the main line of the Penusylvania railroad, was to ally destroy ed by fire at an early hour this morning The less estimated about \$30,000; covered by insurance.

Dissatisfied in Australia

Perth, West Australi . March 16.-I wenty-six thousand "Ou landers" in he gold min ng districts have petitioned the imperial government setting forth their grievances and praying for in West Australia, the greater part of whom are foreigners, is analagous to that of Outlanders in the Transvaal, for whose rights England went to war with the Boers. The population of the West Australian gold fields slone is almost double that of the whole prov ince ten years ago. The miners suffer from a system of iniquitous taxation by which they are made to support the government railroad and almost all the other institutions in West Australis. Notwithstanding the heavy taxation the miners have practically no voice in the executive a sembly.

Paris, March 16 .- A curious story

omes from Corrize of the conversion of the whole town from Catholiciem to Protes at t sm. It appears that the Catholic bishop having refused to appoint satisfactory priests, the populace celled in a Protestant pastor and erected a Protestant church. The Catholic bishop then acceded and sent priests to them, but the people refused to hear them and wild scenes of disorder followed, though the population remains fixedly Protestant.

The Markets. Chicago, March 16.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—May 66%: July 67%. Corn—May—, Pork—May—, Usorgetown, March 16—Wheat 68a74.

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Caton, N. Y. writes "I had dyspepsia over twenty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kedol Despepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion." It digests what you can. FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, March 16. SENATE.

The committee on public building and grounds reported favorably a bi' for the erection of a public building a

Bluefield, W. Va. Mr. Gallinger introduced a resolu tion, which was passed, calling on the heads of the various departments for in formation relative to the ages of government employees and the number of those who are unqualified for service

on account of age.

At the close of the routine business in the Scuate oday Mr. Hoar renewed his request that the Quay case be taken up for consideration and be continued until disposed of, and to give way only for appropriation bills, conference reports and the Puerto Rican bill. At the suggestion of Mr. Burrows Mr

Hoar agreed to have the time postpon ed until next Tuesday two weeks. Mr. Lodge would not consent if the Philippine bill was to be side-tracked.

Mr. Hoar said he was willing that

hat bill should be included among those that could be called up. Mr. Gallinger in a brief speech ar-nounced his intention of voting against

A few private pension bills were pass ed and then Mr. Allison called up the Puerto Rican appropriation bill. Mr. Chilton was recognized. He spoke o the tendency of so many of the American statesmen nearly a hundred yes s ago to annex Cuba because that island was the key to the Guli of Mexico. I was rich in resources and if ever annexed to the United States Texas would reap enormous advantages. But Mr. Chilton was opposed to annexation even

should be permanently retained. We should not mix up with this Asiatic business.

Mr Allison moved to lay the amend ment of Mr. Allen on the table. Carried by a vote of 36 to 17, Mr. Lindsay voting with the republicans. The amend ment proposed to extend the constitu

if his State would be the gainer there

by. He did not think the Philippines

tion to Puerto Rico.

The Jones free trade amendment was next taken up, and Mr. Jones attacked the bill, which he said, was pernicious

and should not be passed. Mr. Allison was asked by Mr. Allen if it was the intention of the majority to pass a bill providing a territorial or other civil form of government for Puerto Rico. Mr. Allis n replied that it was his hope and belief that the mean ure in charge of Mr. Foraker would soon be disposed of.

Mr. Jones put questions fast and furious and wanted to know where Ger. Davis got money from.

Mr. Allison said that none of the revenues collected in the island were turn ed into the United States treasury, bu were expended by Gen. Davis to keep the inhabitants from suffering.
Mr. Jones withdrew his amendment

and offered another, providing that a ter the passage of the bill, no duy should be collected on articles coming from Puerto Rico into the United States or upon articles going from United States ports to Puerto Rico.
Mr. Pettus declared the bill a dan-

ment striking out that portion of the bill providing that the money turned over to Puerto Rico be taken from cuttoms duties collected on imports from the island, providing for a straight out the island, providing that the money turned of Alderman and the expense of this best of the case of the straight out the island, providing for a straight out the island is a straight out the island gerous one and proposed an amenderally.
Mr. Tillman sail that if th re was a

question that needed investigation it vas the Puerto Rican question, He behad not made sufficient investigation. He would vote for the bill as an act of justice to restore to a people money that had been unjustly and unconstitu tionally taken from them.

Shortly after the session commenced small avalanche of snow fell on the glass roof of the chamber from some higher portion of the Capitol. The crash caused some uneasiness among members on the floor but no damage re u ted.

Next Saturday afternoon was set apart for eulogies on the late Representative Epes, of Virginis. A bill appropriating \$2,000 for the

removal of snow and ice from the streets of Washington was passed, as well as a number of House pension bills with Senate amendments. The House then went into a commit-

tee of the whole for the consideration of bills on the private calendar. Considerable time was occupied in tiscussing the bill to pay Congressman Swanson \$1,769 for expenses incurred in his contested election case in the 55th

Congress as reportedby the claims com

Mesers, Graff and Mann objected to the payment on the ground that Mr. Swanson had already received \$2 000 for said expenses, which is the limit allowed by law. Several democrats pointed out that in exceptional cases much larger amouns had been paid, and Mr. Boutelle, a a stained the justice of the claim.

short speech, delivered wi h consider-able feeling, declared that if there were relief. The position of the gold miners as many as five members of the House that believed he was not justly entitled to the money he would withdraw the

> Ac igg under Mr. Swanson's direcson's directions, his colleague, Mr. Otey, who had introduced the bill, accordingly moved to lay it upon the ta-

FAUQUIER NOTES -The snow commence falling yesterday and now lies 9 inches on the ground. The thermom ter at 7 a.m., stood at 20°.

It is a lementable fact that the ground hog in whi h we have always had implicit confidence, has become as unreliable as Pras-tient McKinley, The Plains, March 16.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomaca, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. I you want these qualities and the suc cess they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and tody. Only 25 cents. at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons Drug Store.

To secure the original witch hazd salva, ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazal Salva, well known as a certain cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. They are dancerous

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathar tic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggista, estisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.-A letter from Richmond says: The regular republican organization expects to control the State convention, which meets at Norfolk on April 10, notwithsta d. ing the slighting remarks made about it by Congressman Hull, cheirman of the republican Congressional committee the republican Congressional Committee in the Wist-Young case. The regulars, led by Agnew, Brady, Allan, Treat and others, are backed up by nins-tenths of the republicans of this district. The Wise-Lamb faction has no following worth speaking of. Wise, Wales, Lamb, Yost and other leaders of the faction whipped four years ago, will, it is understood, not seek to control the cor-vention, realizing, it is claimed, that they are largely in the minority.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE A FAIL URE,-In diplomatic cir les in Wash. ington an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that The Hague conference has resulted in con. plete failure, and that even the I mued programme a reed upon is never to be erfected. The basis for this view that up to this moment to notice has been received that a single one of the has ratified the three conventions inpared there. The tresti s the tass ver require such ratification. Only the of the three treaties has been ratified by the United States Senate, and even in that case the formalities have not been carried to completion.

OFFICIAL.

AN OBDINANCE to provide for the creation of the office of, and the election of a uperin-tendent of Ga-, and to define his duties and

powers.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Conn.
cil of Alexandria, That there shall be elected
by the City Council on the second Tuesday in
a pril, 1900, and every two years thereates
a tuperintendent of Gas, whose term of effice

a tuperintendent of Gas, whose term of effice shall commence on the first day of slay of the year of his election, and continue for two years, or until his successor is a latted set qualified; and the said superintendent of the may be removed at any time for cause.

His duty shall be to exercise a general supervision of the city gas works, meters, as main service pipes, and all matters pertaining to the manufacture of gas and its proper destibution throughout the city, and he shall have full power to employ and discharge employee for these purposes; the regulation of the pay of these employees, however, shall be let in the hands of the Committee on hight.

He shall render to the Clerk of Gas at the end of each month a report showing the surber of tons of coal received, used and on hand, the amount of purifing material, time oxide, &c., received, used, and on hand, the amount of coke, tar and gus lime produced, said said on hand, and the amount of gas produced, the

on band, and the amount of gas present amount of consumption, and the amount of the noider or holders, and the amount of gue mains, service pipes, fittings, meters,

hand at the wer s.

He shall also render to the Clerk of Gas daily a report of the amount of coal used and coke produced, and the amount of coke used one produced, and the amount of coke had in the furnaces of the retors, which report will enable the Committee on fight to section accurately the per centage of coke feccessary for firing the retorts, and also the percessary for firing the retorts, and also the percentage of coke to be accounted for by as.

Section 2, No person shall be eligible to
the office of Superintendent of rias until le
shall have been certified to be competent as a
practical gas manufacturer after examinate
by a board of three experienced marreturers of gas, to be designated by the formittee on Light, the President of the Sad
of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council. The expense of this board of

Section 3. It shall be the duty of said siperintendent of Gas to submit to the day
Council at the commencement of each day,
year, or oftene, if called on by the day
Council or the Committee on Figura report
stating the condition of the secretary mains, &c., and all alterations are ments therein made during the preceding year, wi h a detailed statement of the cast of the same; and he shall also submit recent mendations relative to such improvements as he may deem advisable, with an estimate of the cost of the same. That it shall be the duty of the said superintendent to attendal regular meetings of the Committee on light for the better information of said committee on the workings of the gas plant, and that he

ha'l give all the information and advice his possession.
Section 4. The Superintendent of Coasian like in the S

passed a salary of one thousand dollarsy annum, payable monthly.

Section 5. The Superinton ent of Gas shall before entering upon the duties of his officenter into bond with surety or sureticable approved by the Finance Committee. In the ity Council of Alexandra 'rom any l damage that may srise from his high de'ault to discharge all his duties fa-He shall not directly or indirectly ha interest in any contract agreeme t, parches or lease made by the city.

Section 6. All acts of Chapter 8 of the Code, and all ordinances amond tory the section to conflict with this ordinance, shall see

main in full force and effect, Section 7. This ordinance shall be in to co

rom its passage.

P-ssed Common Council March 13, 1900

HUBERT SNOWDEN. President protein.

Passed Board of Aldermen Merch 13, 19, 0. W. H. MARBURY, President Approved March 14, 1900. GEO. L. SIMPSON, Mayor

Teste: D. B. STANSBURY, Clark C. C. N ORDINANCE prohibiting the parting up of signs or advertisements of paper, a metal or other material on the temper telegraph, electric light or electric niw poles in the city of Alexandria Section 1. Ba it ords ned by the Capture of Alexandria, That it shall be made cii of Alexandria. That it shall be the defect of or any person or persons, corpora on unitary sign or advertisement of paper, who or any other material on any temperature graph, electrolight or electrolist in the city of Alexandria.

Section 2 Any person or person electrolists at the corporations, violating this electrolists.

tion or corporations, violating that shall be fined not less than five demore than twenty dollars, said the leeted by the Mayor as other flues at ed, and raid into the treasury.

Section 3. The City Engineer's here's directed to have removed the signs would en

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and approve of publication for six days in some rewraper published in the city of Alexandra 1600. Passed Common Council Watch HUBERT SNOWDEN, Presiden

Passed Board of Aldermen \*\*W. H. MARBURY, President GEO, L SIMPSON, Mayor.

Teste: D. B. STANSBURY, Clerk C. C. [mh16 6:] It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGreege, Gan uffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his les, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, W Burne, Boile, Pain or Piles i 's the best Ouly 25c. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons. Druggists.

To Cure Constipation Fernier Take Cuscarets Candy Cottage Con Sec.

FAIRBANKS' FANCY SOAP dow of my store. J. C. MILBUAN,